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ROBIN HOOD

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Robin Hood

Robin Hood is famous all over the world. There are many different stories about him, but no one knows if the character of Robin Hood is real or not. Many stories say that he is from the village of Locksley, so he is often called Robin of Locksley. In some other stories, he is Robert, Earl of Huntingdon, a rich land owner. While King Richard I is away at war, his evil brother Prince John becomes king and takes Robert's land.

Robin goes to Sherwood Forest outside the city of Nottingham. There, he becomes the leader of a group of men called 'The Merry Men'. Robin together with Little John, Will Scarlett, Friar Tuck and the other Merry Men fight against their enemies, Prince John, the Sheriff of Nottingham

and Sir Guy of Gisborne. They steal money from the rich and give it to the poor.

Robin Hood is a famous archer and he wins competitions with his bow and arrow. His colour is green - he always wears a green feathered cap or hood and green clothes. He is a real hero: clever, honest and loyal to the real king, Richard I. He helps poor people who have no money or food. And as people say, behind every great man there is a great woman: this is Maid Marian, Robin's real love.

Today, the legend of Robin Hood is popular with people all over the world. There are many films, cartoons, TV programmes and books about this brave hero and his adventures.



The Plot

The evil Sheriff of Nottingham arrests Robert, Earl of Huntington on his wedding day and gives his castle, land and title to Sir Guy of Gisborne. Robert escapes to Sherwood Forest and meets a group of men who fight against the Sheriff. Robert becomes their leader and changes his name to Robin Hood. So the adventures begin as they fight against the Sheriff, Sir Guy of Gisborne and Prince John, King Richard's evil brother.

Robin Hood

Robin Hood is a clever and brave man and a great archer, too. Together with his men in Sherwood Forest he fights his enemies and helps poor people.



The Sheriff of Nottingham

The Sheriff is the ruler of Nottingham and Prince John's friend. He is an evil man who takes money from poor people. He hates Robin Hood.



Sir Guy of Gisborne

He is an evil man and a friend of Prince John and the Sheriff of Nottingham. He gets Robin's home, land and title.

1. ARREST HIM!

It's a summer morning in 1193. Robert, Earl of Huntingdon (Robin Hood), is in church with Marian. It is their wedding day.

Do you, Robert of Huntingdon, take this woman, Marian Fitzwalter, to be your wife?



I do.

Do you, Marian Fitzwalter, take this man, Robert of Huntingdon, to be your husband?



I ...

You are an enemy of the King!

Stop the wedding!



It's the Sheriff of Nottingham ...

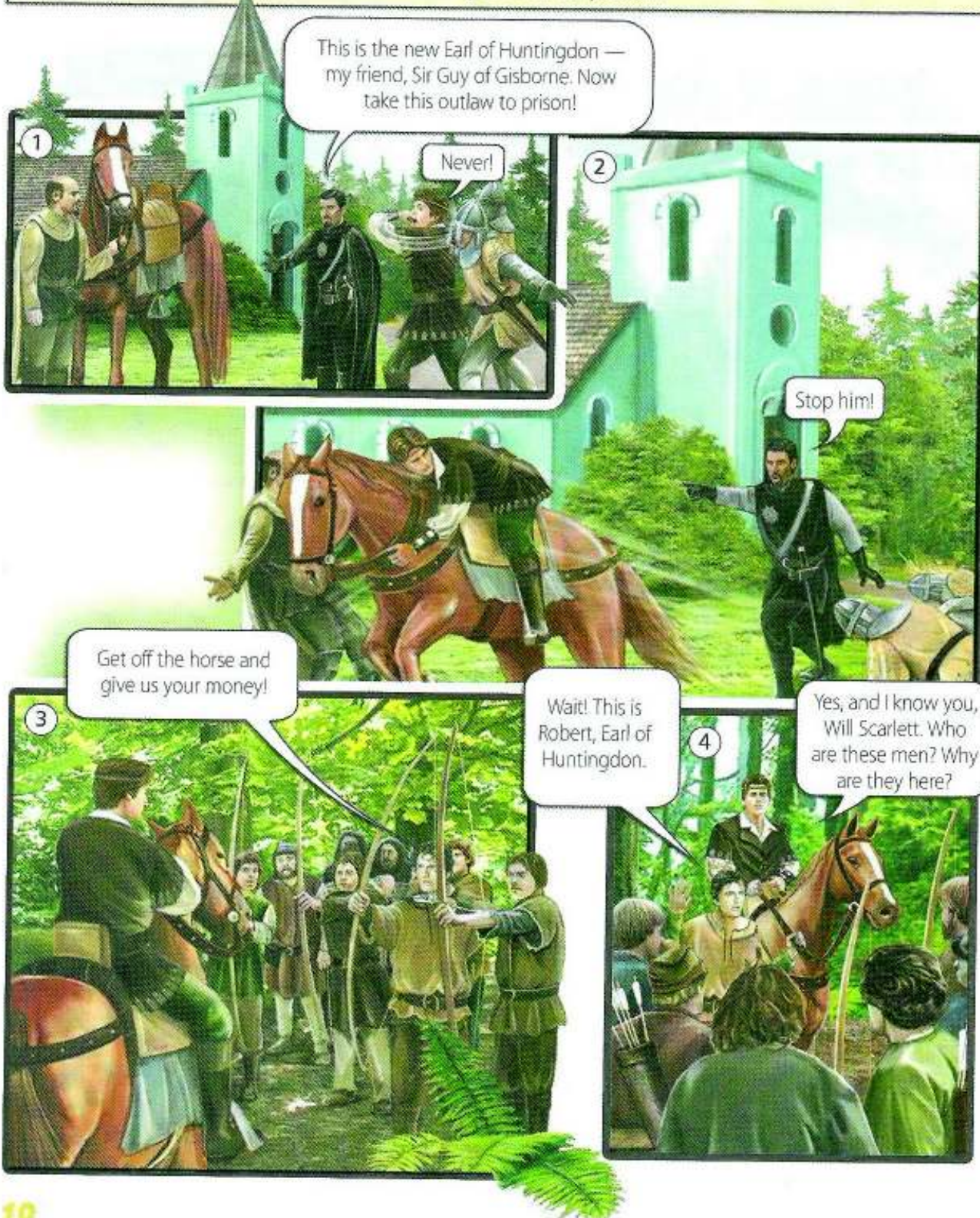


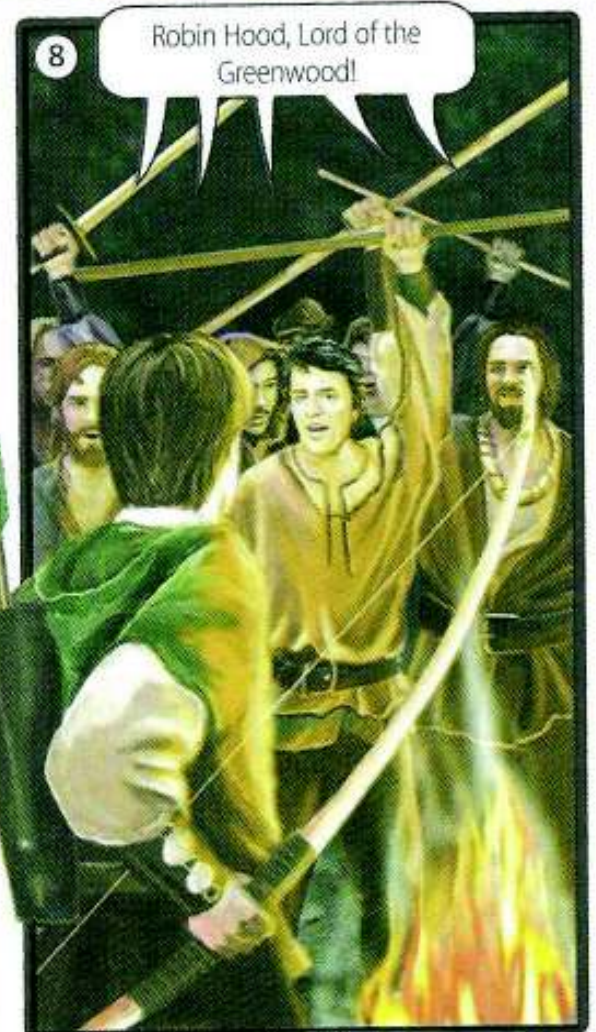
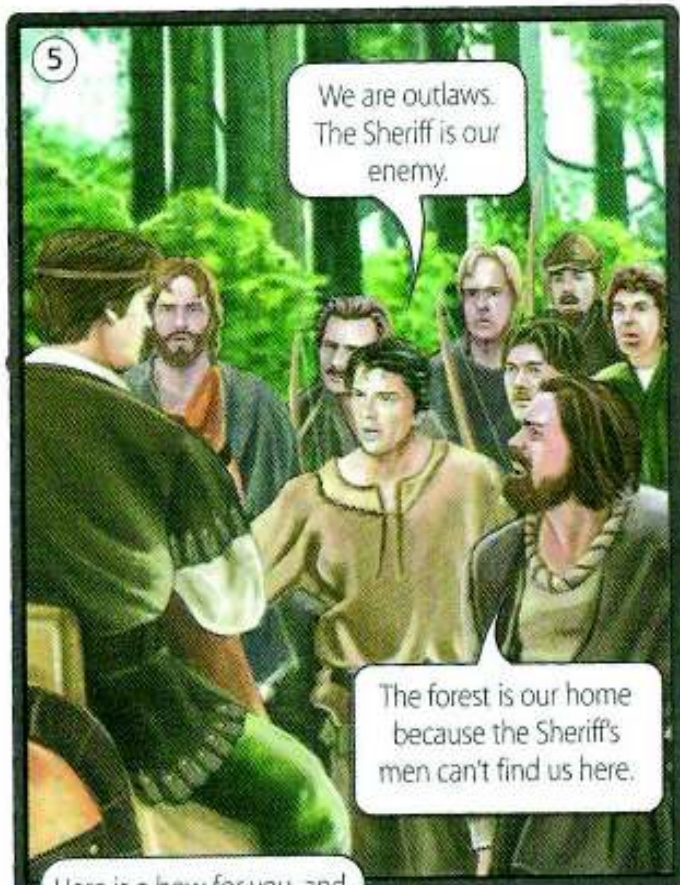
Me? King Richard's enemy?! Never!



2. LORD OF THE GREENWOOD

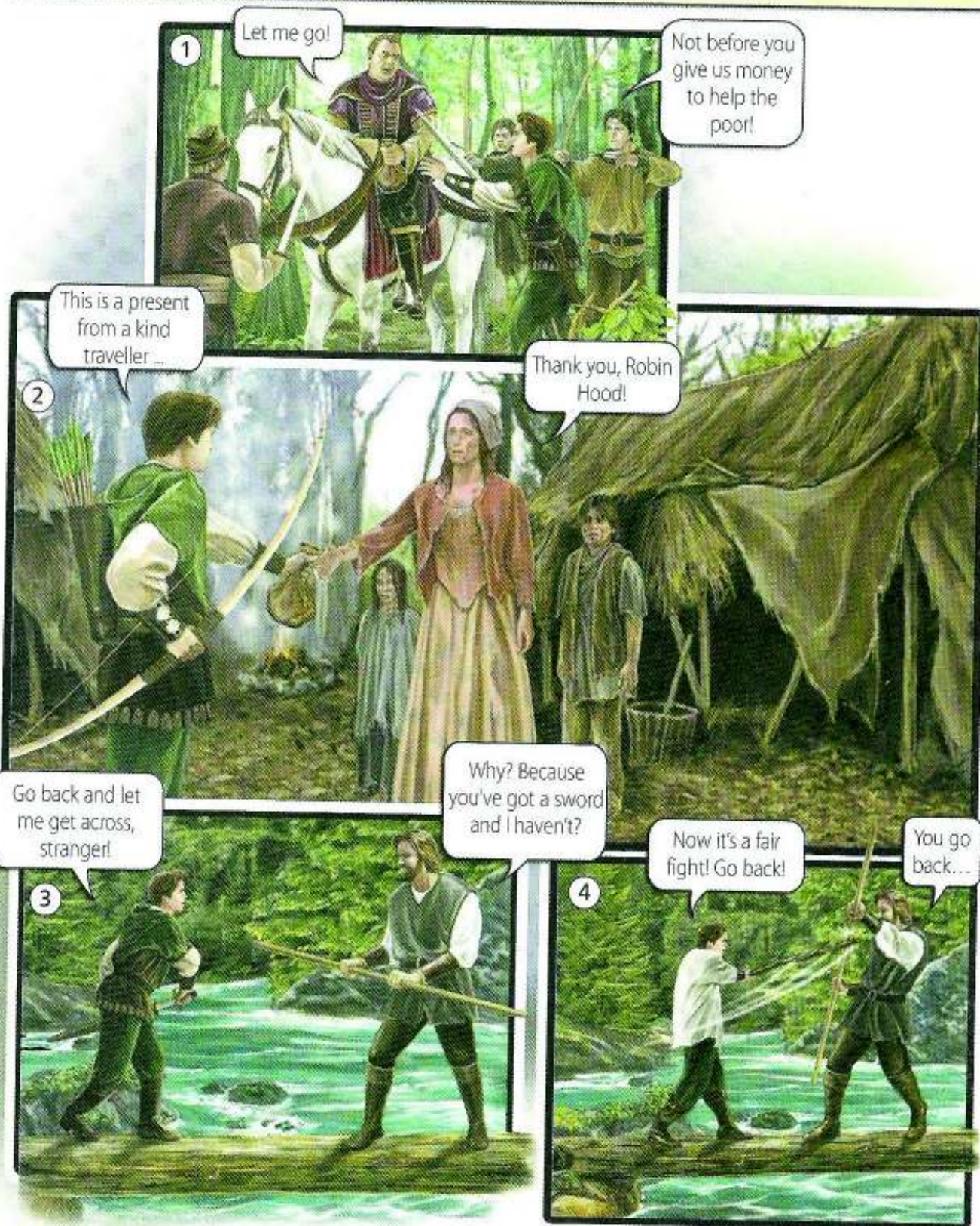
The Sheriff of Nottingham arrests Robert of Huntingdon on his wedding day.
He wants to put him in prison.





3. LITTLE JOHN

Robin Hood lives in Sherwood Forest. He and his men get money from the rich and give it to the poor.





4. FRIAR TUCK

It's early in the morning. Robin, Will Scarlett and Little John are practising archery in the forest.

1
Good shot, Robin! You are the best archer in England!

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Thank you — but see how far Little John can shoot an arrow. I can't do that. Nobody can!

2

I know one man who can — Friar Tuck. He's very strong. He lives quite near here, too.

Well, let's go and meet this friar!



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There he is. That's Friar Tuck.

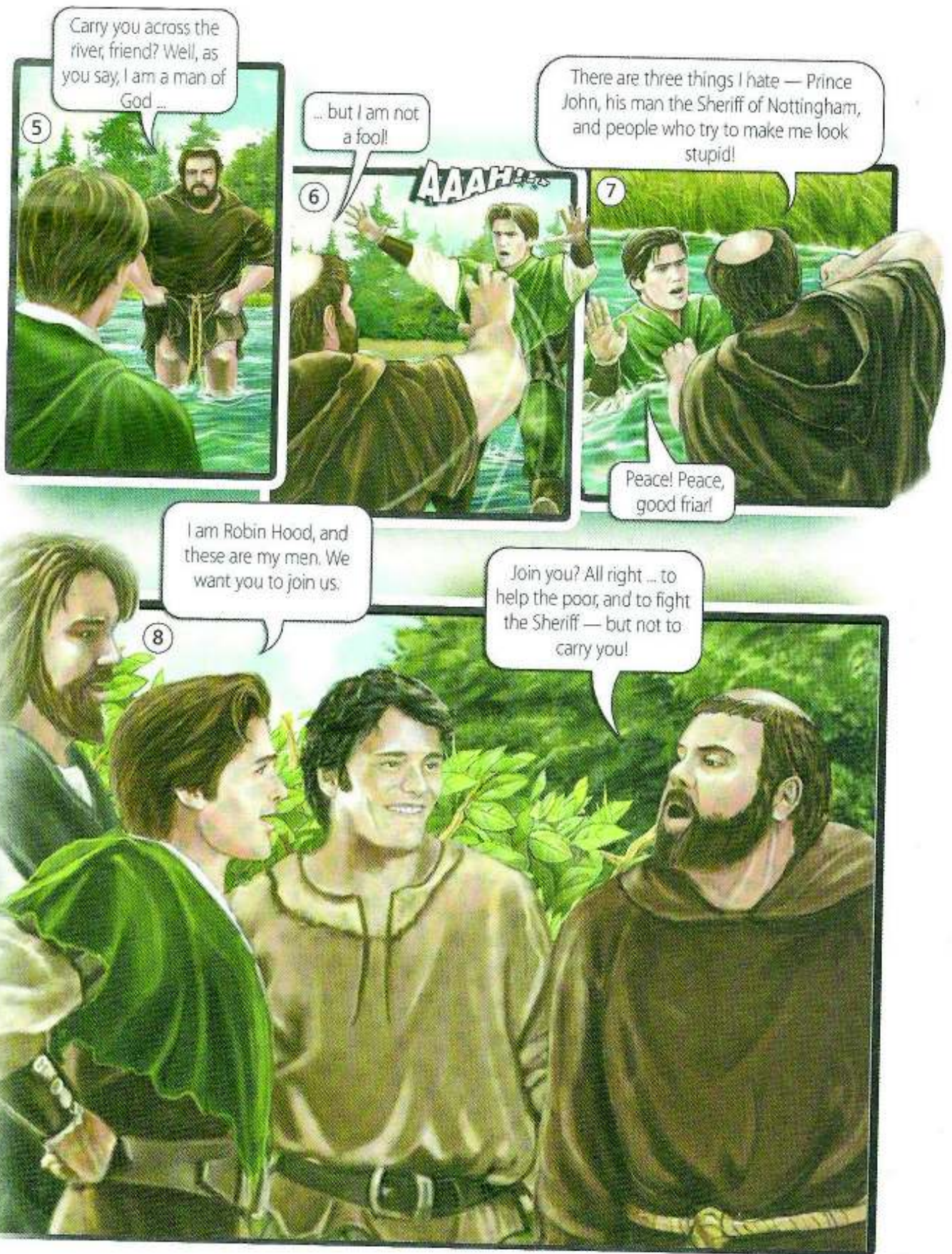
Let's see how strong he is.



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Friar Tuck! You are a man of God, so come and help me! Carry me across the river!





5. THE SILVER ARROW

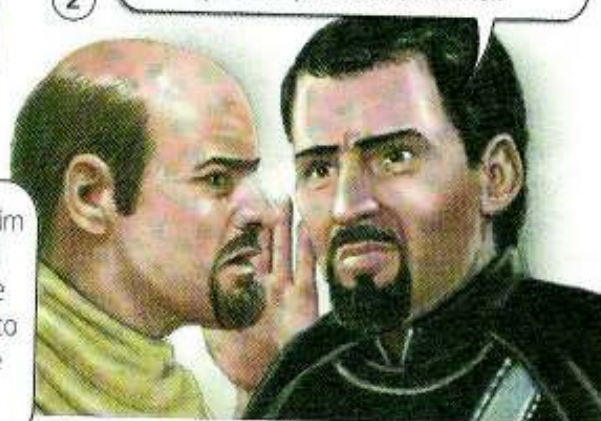
While Robin and his men are in the forest, Gisborne and the Sheriff are making plans inside Nottingham Castle.

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Gisborne, we must catch this outlaw, Robin Hood — immediately! The people are laughing at me!



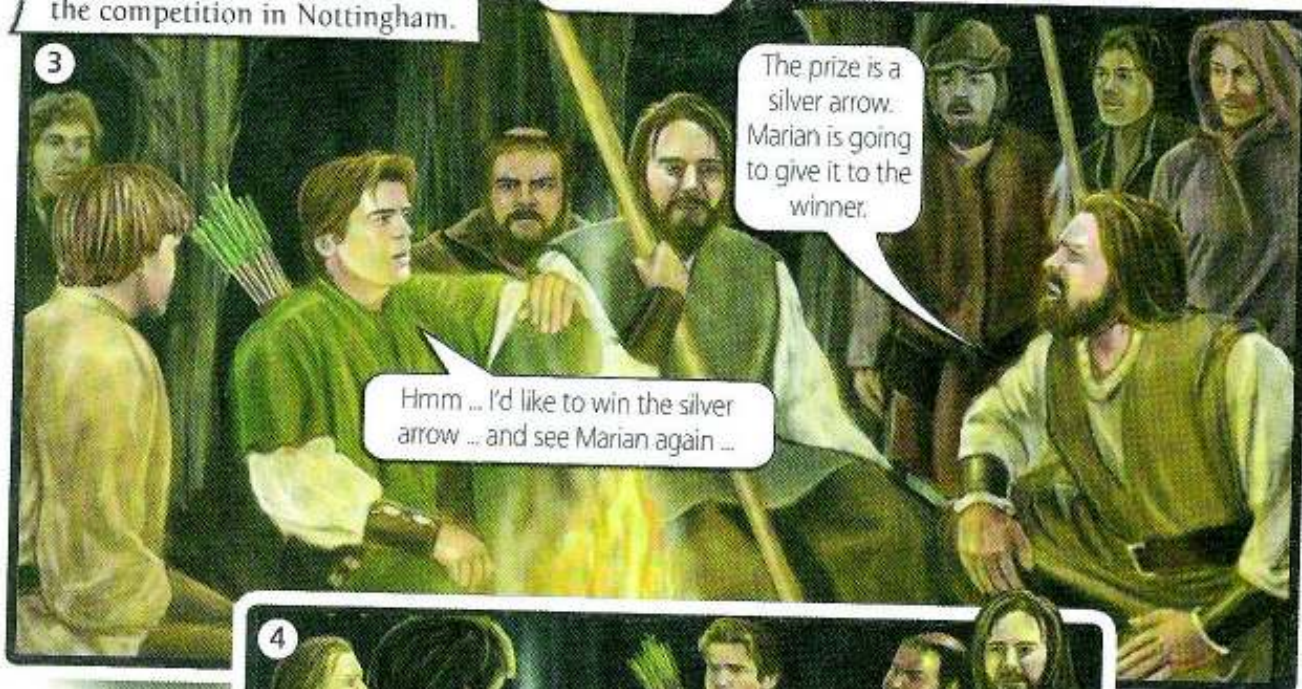
We can't find him in Sherwood Forest, but we can bring him to the castle. I've got a plan ...

2
Yes! An archery competition. Marian can give the prize to the winner!



Robin soon hears the news about the competition in Nottingham.

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The prize is a silver arrow. Marian is going to give it to the winner.

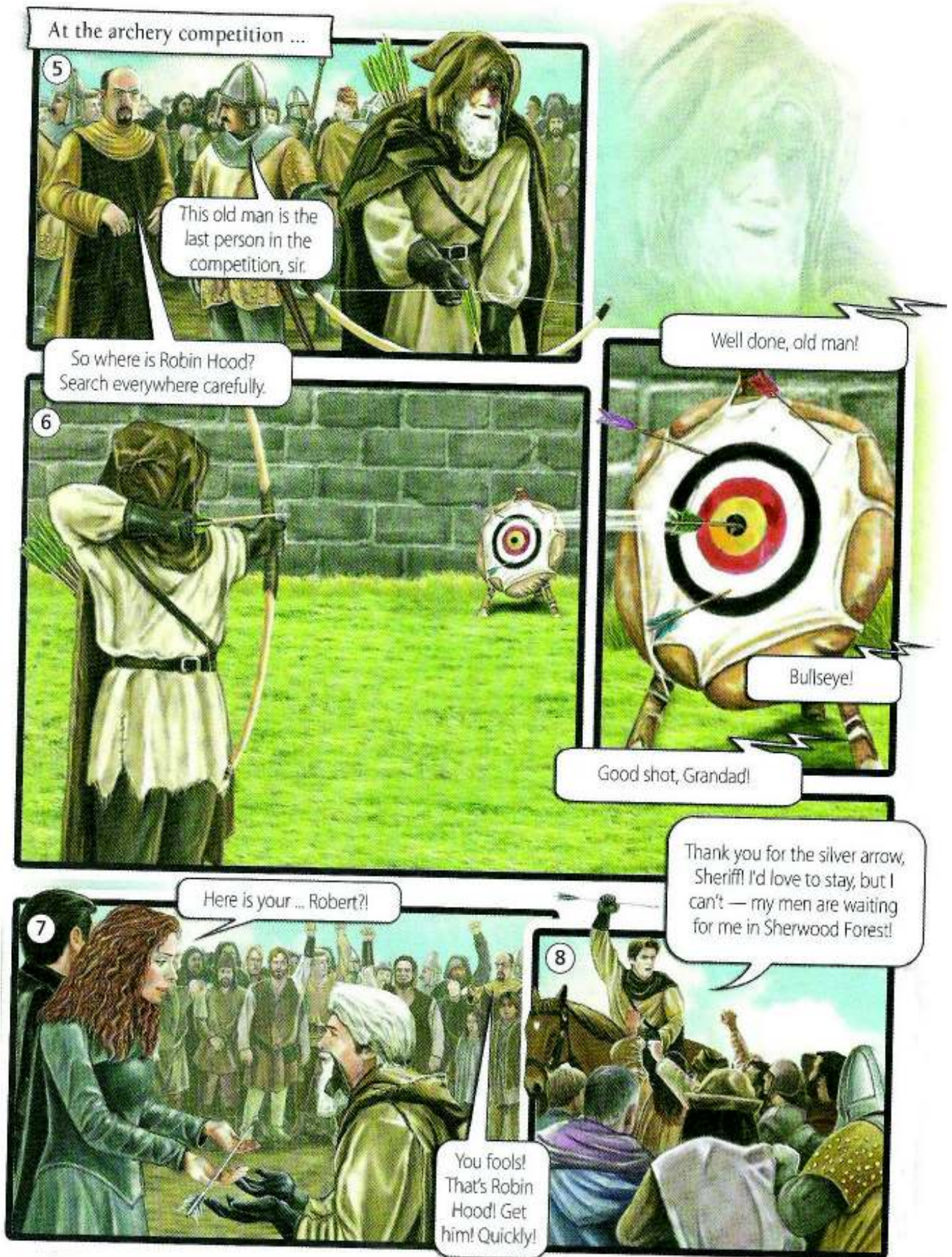
Hmm ... I'd like to win the silver arrow ... and see Marian again ...

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No, Robin! It's a trap! Don't go!

Oh, don't worry — they can't catch me that easily!



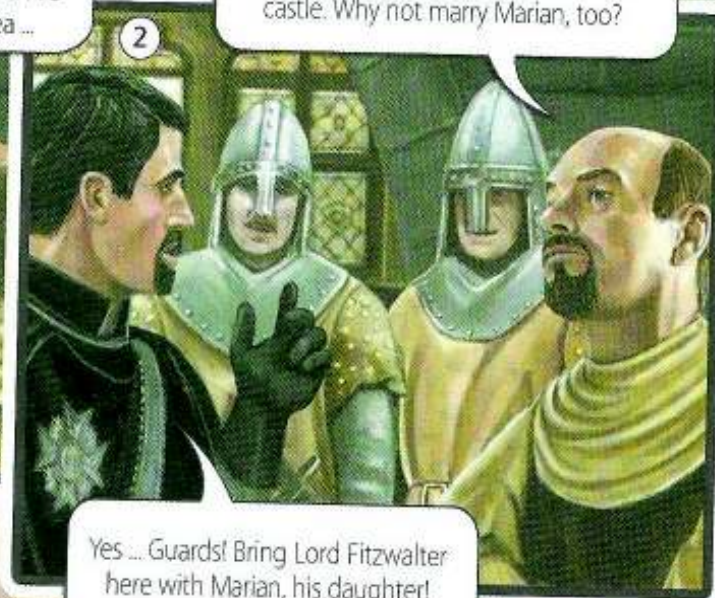
6. MARIAN'S ESCAPE

Robin is back in Sherwood Forest with his silver arrow. The Sheriff is very angry.

Robin Hood was here, and you couldn't catch him!

We were unlucky. Still, we can find him. Marian is in love with him. I've got an idea ...

I've got Robin's title, his lands and his castle. Why not marry Marian, too?



Yes ... Guards! Bring Lord Fitzwalter here with Marian, his daughter!

You want to marry the Earl of Huntingdon, don't you? Well, you can!

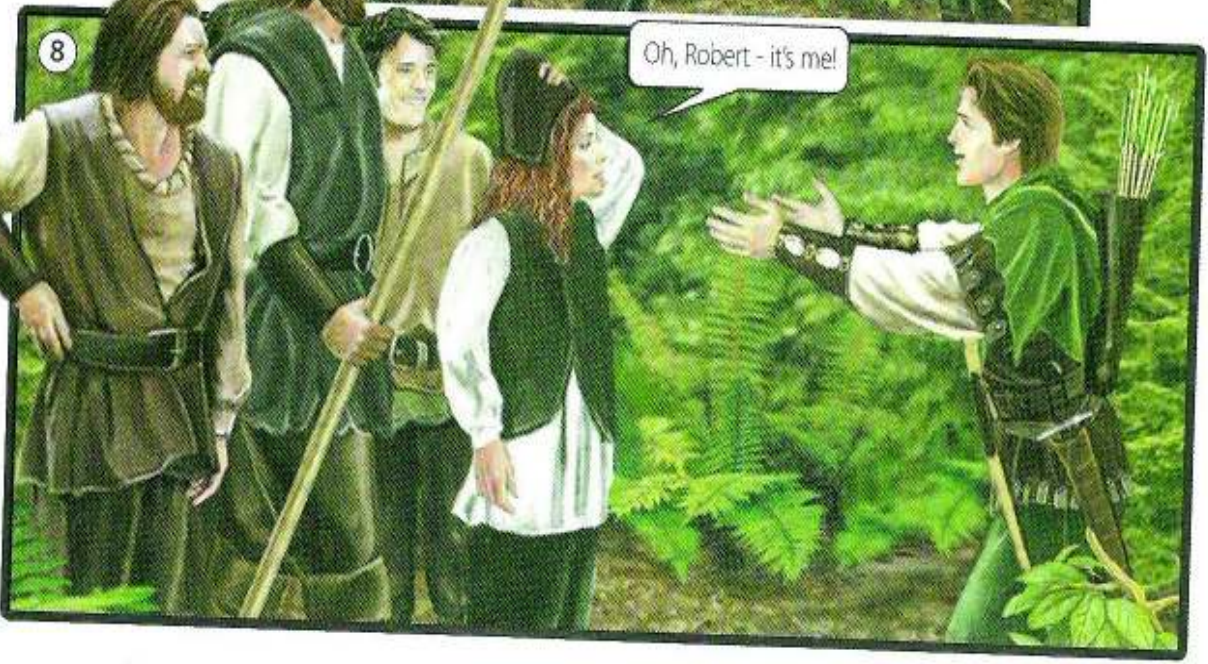
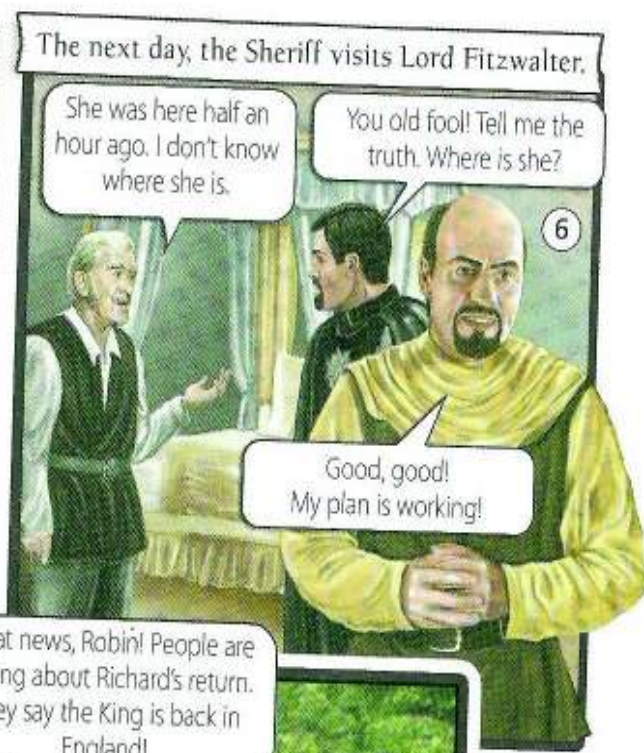
But he is an outlaw ...



I am the Earl of Huntingdon now! You are going to marry me!

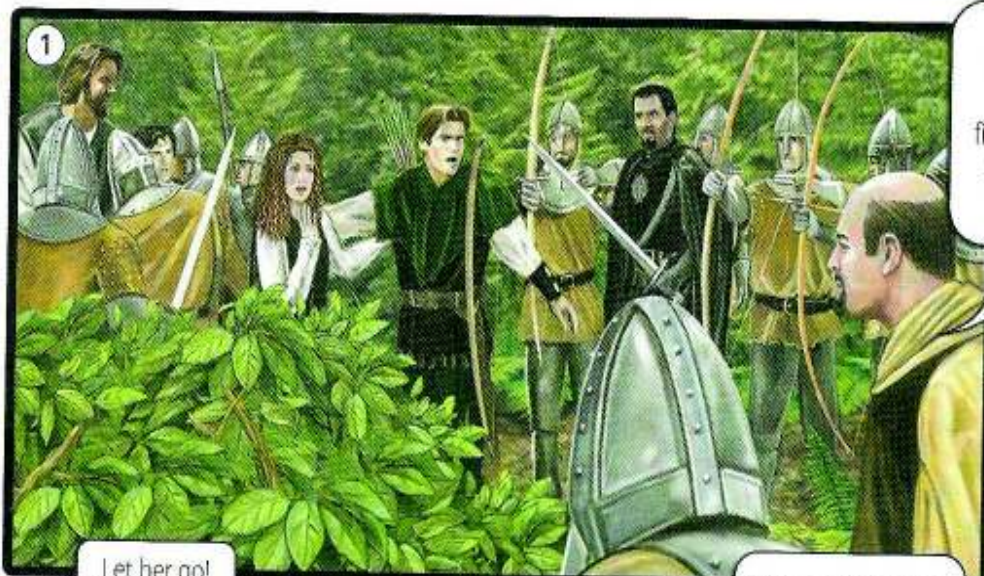


Never! I love the real Earl of Huntingdon - Robin Hood!



7. RICHARD'S RETURN

Marian is with Robin in Sherwood Forest. There is a bad surprise for them, though.



Thank you, Marian! I knew you could find Robin Hood - so we followed you!

Let her go!



What are you waiting for, Gisborne? Kill the outlaw!



Stop! Stop, in the name of Richard, King of England!



Your Majesty! You are safe! Thank God!

I arrived in England ten days ago. I hurried north to Nottingham when I heard the stories about the Sheriff and Gisborne. Bring them here!



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